

Louisiana interest shall not accept the same, such bridges, causeways, and approaches shall continue to be owned, maintained, repaired, operated, and insured by the Authority and the Authority may continue to collect tolls at rates so adjusted as to provide a fund not to exceed the amount necessary for the proper maintenance, repair, insurance, and operation of the said bridges, causeways, and approaches under economical management, including reasonable reserves for depreciation, depletion, obsolescence, replacements, and betterments, until such time as the Texas interest or the Louisiana interest, or both, shall accept such conveyance under the aforesaid conditions. Upon the acceptance of such conveyance by the Texas interest or the Louisiana interest, or both, the Sabine Lake Bridge and Causeway Authority created by this Act shall terminate and cease to exist.

Termination of Authority upon conveyance.

SEC. 9. In addition to all other rights, powers, and privileges herein conferred upon Sabine Lake Bridge and Causeway Authority, it shall have and possess all rights, powers, and privileges to acquire by purchase, lease, or otherwise, and to operate, such facilities as the Authority may deem necessary and proper to establish ferry services across Sabine Lake. The powers conferred by this section may be exercised in like manner as those herein elsewhere conferred with regard to the construction, maintenance, and operation of bridges, causeways, and approaches.

Right to establish ferry services.

SEC. 10. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize or permit the Authority, or any member thereof, to create any obligation or to incur any liability other than such obligations and liabilities as are dischargeable solely from the funds provided by this Act. No obligation created or liability incurred pursuant to this Act shall be an obligation or liability of any member or members of the Authority, but shall be chargeable solely to the funds herein provided, nor shall any indebtedness, liability, or obligation created pursuant to this Act be an indebtedness, liability, or obligation of the United States.

Restrictions.

SEC. 11. All provisions of this Act may be enforced or the violation thereof prevented by mandamus, injunction or other appropriate remedy in any court having competent jurisdiction of the subject matter or of the parties.

Enforcement of provisions.

SEC. 12. The Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 1008), and heretofore amended and extended by Acts of Congress approved April 10, 1936, August 12, 1937, June 14, 1938, and July 26, 1939, are hereby repealed.

Repeals.
49 Stat. 1196; 50 Stat. 630; 52 Stat. 680; 53 Stat. 1121.

SEC. 13. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved October 30, 1951.

Public Law 243

CHAPTER 642

AN ACT

To permit the Federal National Mortgage Association to make commitments to purchase certain mortgages.

October 30, 1951
[H. R. 5745]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph (G) of section 301 (a) (1) of the National Housing Act, as amended, the Federal National Mortgage Association is authorized to enter into advance commitment contracts which do not exceed \$30,000,000 outstanding at any one time, if such commitments relate to mortgages with respect to which the Federal

National Housing Act, amendments.

64 Stat. 57.
12 U. S. C. § 1716.

64 Stat. 54.
12 U. S. C. § 1715e.

Housing Commissioner has issued, prior to June 29, 1951, pursuant to section 213 of the National Housing Act, as amended, either a commitment to insure or a statement of eligibility: *And provided further*, That not to exceed \$3,500,000 of said authorization shall be available for such commitments in any one State.

Approved October 30, 1951.

Public Law 244

CHAPTER 643

JOINT RESOLUTION

October 30, 1951
[H. J. Res. 351]

Fixing the date of the meeting of the second regular session of the Eighty-second Congress

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second regular session of the Eighty-second Congress shall begin at noon on Tuesday, January 8, 1952.

Approved October 30, 1951.

Public Law 245

CHAPTER 652

AN ACT

October 31, 1951
[S. 921]

To amend section 304 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and section 4 of the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 304 of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 and section 4 of the Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947 are hereby amended by inserting at the end of the above-named sections the following new subsection:

“(c) All contracts negotiated without advertising pursuant to authority contained in this Act shall include a clause to the effect that the Comptroller General of the United States or any of his duly authorized representatives shall until the expiration of three years after final payment have access to and the right to examine any directly pertinent books, documents, papers, and records of the contractor or any of his subcontractors engaged in the performance of and involving transactions related to such contracts or subcontracts.”

Approved October 31, 1951.

Public Law 246

CHAPTER 653

AN ACT

October 31, 1951
[S. 1320]

To amend the Public Health Service Act, as amended, so as to provide for equality of grade, pay, and allowance between certain officers of the Public Health Service and comparable officers of the Army, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first sentence of subsection (a) of section 206 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended (42 U. S. C. 207; 58 Stat. 684), is hereby amended to read as follows:

Public Health Service.
Grades of designated officers.